

Amendments to the Claims

This listing will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1 to 38 (cancelled)

39. (New) A topical composition comprising:

crape myrtle extract in an amount effective to improve the aesthetic appearance of skin, scalp and/or hair;

at least one of the group consisting of vitamin A, vitamin C, and bioflavonoids; and

a cosmetically acceptable vehicle.

40. (New) The composition of claim 39, wherein the crape myrtle extract is present in from about 0.0001 to about 15 wt% based on the total weight of the composition.

41. (New) The composition of claim 39, wherein the crape myrtle extract is present from about 0.001 wt% to about 10 wt% based on the total weight of the composition.

42. (New) The composition of claim 39, wherein the crape myrtle extract is obtained from the leaf cells of *lagerstroemia speciosa*.

43. (New) The composition of claim 39, wherein the composition is in a product form selected from the group consisting of aerosol, cake, cream, ointment, emulsion, essence, gel, lotion, shampoos, conditioners, make-up, towelette, mask, paste, patch, pencil, serum, spray and stick.

44. (New) The composition of claim 39, further comprising one or more additional ingredients selected from the group consisting of anesthetics, anti-allergens, antimicrobials, antifungals, anti-inflammatories, antiseptics, chelating agents, colorants, depigmenting agents, emollients, emulsifiers, exfollients, fragrances, humectants, insect repellents, lubricants, moisturizers, pharmaceutical agents, preservatives, skin penetration enhancers, skin protectants, stabilizers, sunscreens, surfactants, thickeners, viscosity modifiers, and vitamins.

45. (New) The composition of claim 39, further comprising one or more sunscreens.

46. (New) The composition of claim 39, wherein the composition has vitamin A.

47. (New) The composition of claim 39, wherein the composition has vitamin C.

48. (New) The composition of claim 39, wherein the composition has bioflavonoids.

49. (New) A method of improving the aesthetic appearance of skin, comprising topically applying to the skin a composition having:

an effective amount of crape myrtle extract;

at least one of the group consisting of vitamin A, vitamin C, and bioflavonoids; and

a cosmetically acceptable vehicle.

50. (New) The method of claim 49, wherein the crape myrtle extract is applied in an amount from about 0.0001 wt% to about 15 wt% based on the total weight of the composition.

51. (New) The method of claim 49, wherein the crape myrtle extract is applied in an amount from about 0.001 wt% to about 10 wt% based on the total weight of the composition.

52. (New) The method of claim 49, wherein the composition is applied to the skin at least once daily for a period of time sufficient to improve the aesthetic appearance of skin.

53. (New) The method of claim 49, wherein the improvement in aesthetic appearance is selected from the group consisting of

- a) decreasing skin fragility;
- b) preventing and reversing deterioration of collagen and/or elastin;
- b) preventing skin atrophy;

- c) promoting/accelerating cell turnover;
- d) improving skin firmness/plumpness;
- e) improving skin texture;
- f) decreasing fine lines and/or wrinkles;
- g) improving skin tone;
- h) enhancing skin thickness;
- i) restoring skin luster;
- j) minimizing signs of fatigue; and
- k) reducing skin dryness.

54. (New) The method of claim 49, wherein the composition has vitamin A.

55. (New) The method of claim 49, wherein the composition has vitamin C.

56. (New) The method of claim 49, wherein the composition has bioflavenoid.

57. (New) A method of preventing and/or ameliorating the effects of extrinsic and/or intrinsic aging on skin comprising topically applying to the skin a composition comprising an effective amount of crape myrtle extract; at least one of the group consisting of vitamin A, vitamin C, and bioflavonoids; and a cosmetically acceptable vehicle.

58. (New) The method of claim 57, wherein the effects of skin aging are selected from the group consisting of

- a) fragile skin;
- b) sagging skin;

- c) fine lines and/or wrinkles;
- d) thinning skin;
- e) lack-luster skin;
- f) fatigued skin; and
- g) dry skin.

59. (New) The method of claim 57, wherein the composition is applied to the skin at least once daily for a period of time sufficient to prevent and/or ameliorate the effects of skin aging.

60. (New) The method of claim 57, wherein the intrinsic aging is chronological aging.

61. (New) The method of claim 57, wherein the extrinsic aging is photoaging and/or the effects of pollution.

62. (New) The method of claim 57, wherein the composition is applied to the skin in an amount from about 0.0001 wt% to about 15 wt% of the total composition.

63. (New) The method of claim 57, wherein the composition is applied in an amount from about 0.001 wt% to about 10 wt% based on the total weight of the composition.

64. (New) A method of improving the aesthetic appearance of hair comprising applying to hair and/or composition having an effective amount of crape myrtle extract; at least one of the group consisting of vitamin A, vitamin C, and bioflavonoids; and

a cosmetically acceptable vehicle to improve the aesthetic appearance of hair.

65. (New) The method of claim 64, wherein the improvement in aesthetic appearance of hair includes at least one of the following:

- a) increasing hair thickness;
- b) increasing rate of hair growth;
- c) improving hair luster and shine;
- d) improving manageability; and
- e) overall hair health.

66. (New) The method of claim 64, wherein the composition has from about 0.0001 wt% to about 15 wt% of crape myrtle extract.

67. (New) The method of claim 64, wherein the composition is applied to the hair and/or scalp at least once per day for a period of time sufficient to improve the aesthetic appearance of the hair.

68. (New) The method of claim 64, wherein the composition has vitamin A.

69. (New) The method of claim 64, wherein the composition has vitamin C.

70. (New) The method of claim 64, wherein the composition has vitamin bioflavenoids.